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1. No Chinese troop movements were observed near Amoy in February 1952.
2. Military supplies arriving in Fukien in February included 6,000,000 cabbies of food, 40 large cases of medical supplies, 60 rubber rafts, and 10,000 raincoats and pairs of rubber boots.
3. The Armed Force Department of the Fukien Military District held district parades to mark the completion of the 1951 winter militia training program. After these parades a number of militiamen were transferred to military district units.
4. On 2 March the Public Security Bureau of Foochow and a garrison regiment of the 10 Army Group made an intensive search of hotels, theaters, and other public places in Foochow. At midnight on the same date they searched a number of private residences. During these searches about 1,500 persons were arrested and interrogated individually under the charge of being anti-Communist.
5. The wu fan (五反) movement was being diligently carried out in industrial and commercial circles of Foochow, and the people were terrified. Between 20 February and 2 March seven or eight government workers and shop owners committed suicide every day. Local newspapers were not permitted to publish this news.

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1. Comment. Available information indicates that the wu fan movement, directed against businessmen, attempts to ferret out graft, fraud, pilferage of government property, and tax evasion.

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